

REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-60. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks that follow.

The specification was objected to for inclusion of hyperlinks on pages 5-6. Applicant has amended the specification in order to remove the hyperlinks.

Claims 1-20, 23-28, 31-50 and 53-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Yasue et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0093949) in view of Gotzer (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0018482). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant submits herewith a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131, proving that the present invention was conceived prior to the filing date of Gotzer (May 7, 2001), and that Applicant diligently pursued the constructive reduction to practice of the present invention from May 7, 2001, up to the filing date of the present patent application. The constructive reduction to practice of the present invention included, firstly, preparation and filing of U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/304,369 (from which the present patent application claims priority), and subsequently, preparation and filing of the present patent application. Consequently, it is believed that Gotzer may not be considered prior art against the present patent application, and the rejection of the claims should be withdrawn.

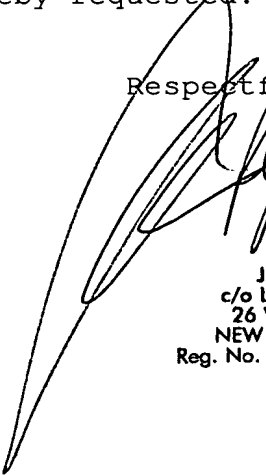
Claims 21, 22, 29, 30, 51, 52, 59 and 60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Yasue in view of Boyle et al. (U.S. Patent 6,831,932). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. These claims are dependent claims, each of which depends from independent claim 1, 23, 31, or 53. In rejecting these claims, however, the Examiner related only to the specific limitations of the dependent claims, and disregarded the limitations of the independent claims from which they

depend. Specifically, neither Yasue nor Boyle teaches or suggests omitting data from inactive sections, as required by all the claims in this application. Therefore, claims 21, 22, 29, 30, 51, 52, 59 and 60 are believed to be patentable over the cited art.

Applicant has studied the additional references made of record by the Examiner and believes all the claims in the present patent application to be patentable over these references, whether taken individually or in any combination.

Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented hereinabove to be fully responsive to all of the objections and grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the present application are in order for allowance. Notice to this effect is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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